


St Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish Grouping
March 9th, 2025 First Sunday of Lent

Holy Family Church	Holy Ghost Church	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	St. Jude's Church
			
52 Falkland St Moncton, NB E1E 4S8 Tel: 506- 854-6099 Saturdays at 7 p.m.	2 Church St Riverside-Albert, NB E4H 3W8 Tel: 506- 882-1123 Saturdays at 4 p.m.	5 Fatima Dr Riverview, NB E1B 2X8 Tel: 506- 386-6178 Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.	3062 Main St Salisbury, NB E4J 2L5 Tel: 506- 386-6178 Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

	<p><i>We would like to acknowledge that we carry out our worship on the unceded, ancestral territory of the Indigenous peoples of Atlantic Canada, the Mi'kmaq and the Wəlastəkwiyik (Maliseet). Our relationship and our privilege to live on this territory was agreed upon in the Peace and Friendship Treaties of 1752, and so it is to be acknowledged that we are all Treaty people, having a responsibility to respect this territory.</i></p>
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Welcome to our parish grouping! If you are new to any of our churches, please reach out to the parish office to find out more about the life and work of our parishes!

Staff Directory
The parish office is open Monday to Thursday 9-4 pm and Friday 9-12pm
To meet with Fr. Phil, please call the parish office.



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	<p align="center">Prayer Requests</p> <p>We pray for the sick, and those who are awaiting or recovering from surgery, those receiving treatment, and those needing strength including Remi Rioux (grandson) & Connie Firlotte (sister in-law)of Jean & Dale Ryan, Louis LeBlanc (brother of Marie Betts), Betty Lou Remington, Mary Burns, Mary Wilt, and Ken Cochrane;</p> <p align="center">for those who have died</p> <p align="center">and for those who mourn the loss of a loved one.</p>
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Lent is a call to renew a commitment grown dull, perhaps by a life more marked by a routine than by a reflection.

Joan Chittister

Daily Readings March 10th – March 16th, 2025

Monday	Leviticus 19.1-2,11-18		Matthew 25.31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55.10-11		Matthew 6.7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3.1-10	2 Corinthians 5.20-6.2	Luke 11.29-32
Thursday	Ester 14.1,3-5,12-14		Matthew 7.7-12
Friday	Ezekiel 18.21-28		Matthew 5.20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26.16-19		Matthew 5.43-48
Sunday (2nd Sunday of Lent)	Genesis 15.5-12,17-18	Philippians 3.17-4.1	Luke 9.28b-36

Upcoming Liturgies March 12th — March 16th

Wed, Mar 12th	IHM	6:30 p.m.	Florence McIntyre—Donna Babineau
Fri, Mar 14th	People's Park Tower	2:00 p.m.	Doris Walker—Roger & Judy Bourque
Sat, Mar 15th	Holy Ghost	4:00 p.m.	Andrew O'Hara—The Family
Sat, Mar 15th	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	For the People
Sun, Mar 16th	St. Jude	9:00 a.m.	Joachim Bos—Siene Bos
Sun, Mar 16th	IHM	11:00 a.m.	Raymond Benoit—Knights of Columbus

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Are you interested in joining a parish activity? Or seeking a faith formation time?
Please see below for a list of upcoming meetings and events.

DATE	LOCATION	
Mon, Mar 10th	IHM	Choir Practice — Meet at 6:30pm
Mon, Mar 10th	Holy Family	Prayer Group – Meet at 7:00pm
Tues, Mar 11th	IHM	Catechism— Meet at 6:30pm– Welcome Back !
Tues, Mar 11th	Holy Family	Choir Practice— Note time change Meet at 7:00pm
Wed, Mar 12th	Dan Bohan	KOC– Meet at 7:00pm
Wed, Mar 12th	IHM	Catechism— Meet at 6:30pm—Welcome Back !
Thur, Mar 20th	Skipper Jacks	IHM Ladies Society—Luncheon meeting at 12-noon call Pam if attending



Please support the Food Banks in our area:

- House of Nazareth (Holy Family)
- Albert County Food Bank (Immaculate Heart of Mary)
- Salisbury Helping Hands (St Jude's)
- Shepody Food Bank (Holy Ghost) *Thank you for your continued support!*



The LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE for the grouping will take place
on **Thursday March 20th** at 6:30pm
at Immaculate Heart of Mary church.



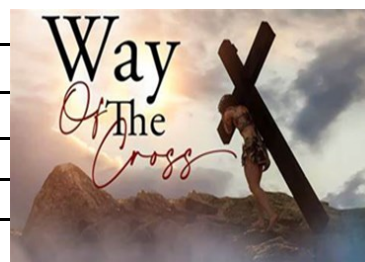
Did you Know? Sisters and brothers, Lent gives us a chance to strengthen our attachment to God through the intensified discipline of fasting, Praying and alms-giving. It is also a period of conversion and change of heart, shifting our priorities in life so that God is at the center of our lives. The practice of giving up a favorite thing or activity is a way to prove to ourselves that nothing is as important as God in our lives. Celebrating Christ's rising from the dead and making available to us the gift of never-ending life...should fill us with tremendous joy. Remember who Jesus is , alive and with your and loves you very much. Remember.

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The Way of the Cross

We will pray the Way of the Cross **during the holy season of Lent on Friday evenings.** All are invited and encouraged to attend. To make this prayer available to as many people as possible, we will celebrate it in the different churches according to the following schedule: we will celebrate it in the different churches according to the following schedule:

Friday	March 14 at 6:30 pm	St. Augustine's
Friday	March 21 at 6:30 pm	St. Bernard's
Friday	March 28 at 6:30 pm	Immaculate Heart
Friday	April 4 at 6:30 pm	St. Augustine's
Friday	April 11 at 6:30 pm	St. Bernard's
Friday	April 18 at 6:30 pm	Immaculate Heart



For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

2 Corinthians 8:12



Request for Action Needed—We have had a request from a young mother, who has recently moved from a shelter situation into permanent housing.

She is looking for any furniture, especially a bed for her and one for her child.

Other items include **curtains, small appliances, furniture (coffee table, end table etc.) and other household items.** If you can help, please reach out to the parish office 506-386-6178.



St. Jude's Parish

Thank you for your support Salisbury Helping Hands Food Bank

Items Needed—Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, hand soap, Deodorant (men & women) toilet paper, shampoo & conditioner.



Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



On Sunday, March 23rd, following mass, the Knights will host a **brunch at the Dan Bohan Center**. The menu includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, ham, beans, toast, tea, coffee, and juice.

All are welcome to attend for a free will offering. Proceeds go to getting a new dishwasher for the Dan Bohan Center
Also Pick up a container of frozen soup to take out



We need a volunteer or family to help with our coffee ministry after church **twice every 3 months**. It's a great way for your children to participate in Church activities. Email Debbie at debbiebrideau.set@gmail.com or call 506-386-6178 to sign up.



ATTENTION ALL: You may have noticed that there are three banners in the Baptistry (across from the font).



On the banners are prayer cards of the young people who are preparing to celebrate a sacrament this spring. The idea is that you take a prayer card to your seat while you are at mass and say a prayer for that child and then return the card on your way out.

Grocery Gift Cards are a great way to budget your grocery bill! Available at the parish office, they are a great way to keep you 'on track'! AND your parish earns 5% on the value of every card sold. Purchase with cash or cheque (made out to Immaculate Heart of Mary). Thank you !



Holy Ghost Parish



Easter Fundraiser – we will do a \$300.00 Gift Card draw on Easter tickets will be \$2.00 each 3/\$5.00

Consider reaching out to someone who is home alone during this Lenten season. A phone call or sending a card can help them feel connected and thought of.



If you have a modest income and a simple tax situation, volunteers from the **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program** may be able to do your taxes for you, **for free!**

Bring your tax information slips, receipts, SIN and ID to a clinic near you

Riverview

Public Library

Walk in clinic offered on
April 16 from 10 -12 p.m.

MAGMA, Salvation Army,

**Moncton Library, Club d'Age d'Or
NBCC and the Legion** located 100 War Veterans Ave.

Please call **1-800-959-8281** for more info or go to **Canada.ca/taxes-help**

EXPLORING OUR FAITH

Entering the Desert

The one time I visited a real-life desert I quickly developed a better understanding of how vulnerable I was to the elements and how catastrophic it would be to find myself in such a place unprepared. Luckily, I had strength in the group I was with, and it helped we had a skilled woman to lead us around and warn us not to touch the dead scorpions. *"Why would you do this?"*



A visit to the desert is a reminder that we are dust. A humbling experience, it also helped me gain perspective around how as humans we have the potential to be very strong and shockingly vulnerable at the same time. This past Wednesday we were reminded again *"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."* These ashes and dust begin our Lenten journey.

On this First Sunday of Lent, I am reflecting on another kind of desert, the one I (and maybe you) find yourself in from time to time, one characterized by spiritual or emotional desolation, emptiness. This might look like a sudden illness, the death of a grandparent, or the breakdown of a relationship maybe, and I feel as though I cannot be the only one who has driven themselves into the desert at times through self-sabotage, selfishness, or fear. Maybe if prepare myself with what I need, I can withstand the elements when it is important. According to one author, *"Lent is the forty days that we set aside to enter the wilderness of our souls and find that place of quiet, openness and emptiness. Lent is more than about self-denial and giving up indulgences, it is about preparation and encounter. It was in the desert where Jesus encountered the demons of his deepest temptations, but it was also where he found God's sustaining presence and love."*

While I could not find the name of the author, I liked what they wrote, particularly the good news part at the end about God's sustaining presence and love. Growing up, I "gave up" something for Lent each year, but rarely made it through the season without "forgetting" or "having enough". In terms of Lenten self-denial, I developed more discipline after about...thirty-five years, but I also developed an appreciation for preparation and encounter. I found these insightful questions (from Fr. John Foley, SJ) that I think might help me in preparation for what I will encounter in the desert:

How will I relieve my hunger?

What do I worship and serve—instead of God?

Do I want to show off my power sometimes?

Do I sometimes think I am God?

~Trevor Driesbeck

Sharing God's gifts

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish:
Loose \$318.
Church Support \$10,208.(165)
Property Upkeep \$463. (16)
Youth Support \$208.(7), Social Action \$387. (14)

Holy Ghost Parish:
Church Support \$314. (11)
Fuel \$315.

St. Jude's Parish:
Loose \$75.50
Church Support \$482. (13)



Holy Family Parish:
Loose \$275.
Church Support \$1,903. (44)
Maintenance Fund \$115. (5)

Holy Family (PPT) :
Loose \$45.
Church Support \$230.
(11)
Maintenance Fund \$5. (1)
Nazareth House \$100.



Be a faithful giver to the life and work of our parishes! If you don't already have offering envelopes or a pre-authorized donation, please call Anne at the parish office or email info@setmoncton.com for more information. Help us meet our financial obligations by making faithful, regular contributions to your parish! If you would like to increase your PAD offering or want to know more about e-transfers or donating by credit card, please reach out to Anne :) May God bless all these gifts!

“ROADMAP TO INITIATION” R.C.I.A. FORMATION – Catherine Ecker will also be offering a three-part series entitled “Roadmap to Initiation,” designed for those who are involved in parish R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) teams.

These sessions will also take place via Zoom on
March 10th, 17th, and 24th at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Contact Karen at 506- 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

March 19th, 2025 @ 7:00 pm – **Adult Faith Commission** – Immaculate Heart of Mary

March 27th, 2025 @ 10:00 am – **Diocesan Pastoral Care Committee** – Immaculate Heart of Mary

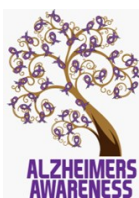
LENT GOES TO THE MOVIES - Our Mondays @ The Movies film discussion group will meet four times over Lent to discuss Lenten themes in popular films.

February 24th – On the Waterfront; March 10th – Close Encounters of the Third Kind; March 24th – A River Runs Through it; April 7th– Thelma and Louise.



All discussions take place on Zoom at 2:00 pm. Please contact Karen at 387-4198 or youth@diocesemoncton.ca to register.

Everyone is welcome to join the discussion.



Welcome back to **SENIORS CONNECT!** Our next gathering will take place on **Thursday March 27th at 10:30 am** at Holy Family Church. We will have someone from the Alzheimer Society talking to us about “Understanding Behaviors”. Questions? Contact Karen LeBlanc at 387-4198 or email youth@diocesemoncton.ca.

ENLARGE YOUR TENT:

HOW TO BE A WELCOMING CHURCH

Mark your calendars, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity invites everyone to join a conversation on hospitality and welcome on



Wednesday, April 23rd, 7:00 pm at Holy Family Parish Hall (52 Falkland). **Please note the originally publicized date of March 27th was incorrect.**

What does it mean to welcome someone? What is good hospitality? Grounded in the Vatican synodal document “Enlarge the Space in Your Tent,” taken from Isaiah 54:2, we will pray, reflect on and discuss these themes.

Contact Mark to register at 386-6178 or markmahoney@set@gmail.com.

DYING WITH CHRIST, LIVING WITH HOPE is a 3-part



series designed to engage Christians in conversations around death and dying. As a pastoral priority of Archbishop Desrochers, each parish in the diocese will be hosting the series at various times. All are welcome to

register for any of the sessions taking place. Upcoming English sessions will be held on **March 21st at Immaculate Conception Parish in Rexton at 6:00 pm**, and **St. Augustine’s will be hosting the series on the evenings of March 31st, April 7th, and April 14th at 6:30 pm**. Registration is necessary and can be done online through the diocesan website or by scanning the QR code. You

may also register by contacting Trevor at adultfaith@diocesemoncton.com or by calling 857-4879. *Dying with Christ, Living with Hope was created by the Christian Medical and Dental*

This Lent, Turn Debt into Hope

2025 is a Jubilee year. A year in which Pope Francis invites us to “*forgive the debts* of countries that will never be able to repay them.” (*Spes non confundit*, 16). Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is responding to this call through the global **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign. Here are a few ways you can join us:



Donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on April 6, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 79 projects in 34 countries around the world!

Get the Mini-magazine and follow the **Solidarity Calendar** with your family. Discover all the resources at devp.org/lent/resources.

For more information, contact Development and Peace — Caritas Canada regional Office in Moncton at 506 801 0440 or by email: dpatlantique@devp.org

1st Sunday of Lent

As we enter the season of Lent, we invite all parishioners to reflect on the miracle of God’s creation and to think about what we can do as a church community, and as individuals, to honour and respect Creation.

The theme for Lent 2025 is actually, ‘**Journey together in hope**’, inspired by Jubilee 2025. As we walk together through this life, let us:

Consume with care and reduce what we waste.

Be gentle and respectful with nature and with each other.

Pray the Rosary for Care of Creation. (It is beautiful!)

As spring approaches, spend each Sunday out in nature and feel that sun!

Return to year-round meatless Fridays – good for the soul and also good for the planet!



Let us join Pope Francis and heed the cry of the earth, the cry of the poor.

8 Traditional practices during Lent often involve giving up certain indulgences or activities as a form of penance, reflection, and spiritual discipline. Here are ten traditional things that people might choose to give up for Lent:

- 1. Meat:** Abstaining from meat, especially on Fridays, is a common traditional practice during Lent.
- 2. Desserts and Sweets:** Sacrificing indulgent treats and sweets is a way to practice self-discipline.
- 3. Alcohol:** Many people choose to abstain from alcoholic beverages as a form of self-control and reflection.
- 4. Smoking:** Giving up smoking is a significant sacrifice for those looking to improve their health during Lent.
- 5. Screen Time:** Limiting or eliminating screen time can provide more time for prayer, reflection, and other spiritual activities.
- 6. Gossiping:** Fasting from gossip and negative speech is a traditional way to promote kindness and self-awareness.
- 7. Excessive Shopping:** Cutting back on unnecessary purchases and material consumption is a way to focus on simplicity and gratitude.
- 8. Caffeine:** Some individuals choose to give up or limit their intake of caffeinated beverages as a form of self-discipline.